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## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Manila—Inspection of vessels—Cholera—Smallpox.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, September 21 and 28, October 6 and 13:

Week ended September 18. Fourteen cases of cholera, with 12 deaths, occurred in the city of Manila.

*Cholera in the provinces.*

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Albay.....	9	7
Camarines.....	57	44
Bataan.....	23	15
Bohol.....	19	11
Bulacan.....	41	34
Cagayan.....	2	1
Cebu.....	34	27
Oriental Negros.....	66	36
Pampanga.....	9	8
Rizal.....	9	8
Total.....	269	191

Consular bills of health issued: September 14, to the United States army transport *Buford*, en route from Manila to San Francisco; crew and steerage passengers were bathed, and their effects disinfected; ship partially disinfected. September 15, to the British steamship *Frankby*, en route from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Cebu, Philippine Islands. Personnel and cargo inspected and passed prior to sailing. September 15, to the British steamship *Dakotah*, en route from Manila to San Francisco. Personnel and cargo inspected prior to sailing.

Week ended September 25. Twenty-two cases of cholera, with 17 deaths, were reported in the city of Manila.

*Cholera in the provinces.*

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Camarines.....	28	18
Bataan.....	13	11
Bohol.....	15	5
Bulacan.....	22	18
Cebu.....	62	53
Leyte.....	6	3
Oriental Negros.....	45	45
Pampanga.....	17	12
Rizal.....	7	5
Tarlac.....	16	11
Total.....	231	181

Consular bills of health issued: September 20, to the American schooner *Atlas*, en route from Manila to New York; vessel fumigated; personnel and cargo inspected prior to sailing. September 23, to the British steamship *Suveric*, en route from Manila to Seattle; personnel and cargo inspected prior to sailing. September 23, to the American steamship *Siberia*, en route from Manila to San Francisco.

Week ended October 2. Fourteen cases of cholera, with 12 deaths, were reported for the city of Manila.

*Cholera in the provinces.*

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Camarines.....	48	36
Bataan.....	19	16
Bohol.....	15	9
Bulacan.....	13	4
Cavite.....	2	2
Cebu.....	67	55
Oriental Negros.....	78	57
Pampanga.....	9	8
Total.....	251	187

Consular bills of health issued: September 26, to the British steamer *Taiyuan*, en route from Hongkong to Australia via Zamboanga; personnel and cargo inspected prior to sailing. September 30, to the British steamer *Oanfa*, en route from Glasgow to Seattle and Tacoma; personnel and cargo inspected at hour of sailing. October 2, to the British steamer *Aragonia*, en route from Yokohama to New York and Boston; personnel and cargo inspected prior to sailing.

Week ended October 9. Twenty-three cases of cholera with 17 deaths were reported for the city of Manila.

*Cholera in the provinces.*

Provinces.	Cases.	Deaths.
Camarines.....	48	31
Bataan.....	27	23
Bohol.....	5	6
Bulacan.....	26	15
Oriental Negros.....	70	42
Tarlac.....	10	6
Rizal.....	5	4
Cebu.....	56	49
Cavite.....	2	2
Pampanga.....	4	4
Total.....	253	182

*Smallpox.*—A severe outbreak of smallpox occurred in the Province of Iloilo during July, particularly in the port of Iloilo. There were 119 cases and 98 deaths in July, and 118 cases and 44 deaths in August. In this connection it is worthy of mention that active vaccination was commenced during the first part of August, and while the number of cases did not greatly diminish, the death rate fell about 50 per cent, again demonstrating the efficacy of proper vaccination. During September active smallpox measures were continued, and the disease has practically disappeared in the port of Iloilo.

*Cholera.*—The number of cholera cases in Manila and the provinces has been about the same for the past week as was reported for the previous week. So far the efforts to confine the disease to the port of Cebu have been partially successful. A number of instances have occurred in which the disease was conveyed by passengers on the new railway line leading out of Cebu, but they were detected and isolated before there was an opportunity for them to become centers of infection. In this connection it is most interesting to observe that during the past few years, owing to the many miles of improved

highways which have been constructed, the great increase in the railway mileage, and the improvement in interisland transportation outside of ports of entry, cholera has spread with much greater rapidity than was the case when the means of communication were not as well established as now. This disadvantage has been in part offset by the improved organization and by the fact that it is more simple now to rush supplies and men over these better roads.

During the past 2 weeks most of the cholera cases have been found in persons who were reported to have died of meningitis. Out of 10 cases that were reported with this diagnosis, in 8, on autopsy, the cholera organism was recovered from the intestines. Owing to these erroneous diagnoses, the bureau of health is having autopsies made upon all cases in which there could be any possible doubt as to the cause of the death. In this way a number of additional cholera cases has been found. The disease shows no tendency to spread, and it is now hoped that a general outbreak can be avoided.

Consular bills of health issued: October 4, to the United States army transport *Dix*; personnel inspected on board prior to sailing. October 4, to the British steamship *Glenlyon*; personnel inspected on board prior to sailing. October 8, to the British steamship *Oceano*; personnel inspected on board at hour of sailing.

#### RUSSIA.

##### *Libau—Cholera in St. Petersburg—Examination of emigrants.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon De Forest reports, October 23:

Week ended October 22. In St. Petersburg there were 116 cases of cholera with 35 deaths. October 20, the steamship *Russia* sailed from Libau for New York with 1,106 passengers and 150 members of crew. All were in good physical condition and had been detained in Libau 5 days under observation. Three hundred and thirty-seven pieces of baggage were disinfected by formaldehyde gas.

#### ST. LUCIA ISLAND.

##### *Castries—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Maylie reports, October 11 and 18:

Week ended October 9. Vessels inspected, 12; fumigated, 10. Week ended October 16. Vessels inspected, 9; fumigated, 8.

Sanitary condition of port and island good. No quarantinable diseases reported.

#### SUMATRA.

##### *Cholera on the east coast.*

Consul Rairden at Batavia, Java, reports, September 29:

Cholera has appeared at Palembang, east coast of Sumatra, and September 28 this place was officially declared infected.